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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2178

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KNP PURCHASE OF TEAR GAS IN US

REF: SEOUL 883

1. FONOFF ASST MIN FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS KI DONG WHIE CALLED DCM IN APRIL 4 TO REQUEST EMBASSY ENDEAVOR EXPEDITE CLEARANCE BY STATE DEPT FOR ROKG PURCHASE OF TEAR GAS, PERMISSION FOR EXPORT OF WHICH NOW AWAITING DECISION IN DEPT. DCM STATED HE WOULD CONVEY WORD OF FONOFF APPROACH TO DEPT AND WOULD ENDEAVOR OBTAIN REPLY.

2. KIM'S BRIEF INCLUDED ONLY FOGGERS, PEPPER FOG (CS LIQUID, SMOKE LIQUID, AND FLUSH MIX) AND GAS GRENADES. HE SAID THAT ROKG PROCUREMENT AGENCY HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN CHARGED WITH PURCHASE BUT, HAVING MET WITH SOLID WALL, HAD TURNED ACTION OVER TO FONOFF. DESPITE SUBSEQUENT REPRESENTATIONS BY ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO APPROPRIATE DEPT OFFICIALS AND HIS OWN APPROACH TO DEP ASST SEC SEARBY DURING SEOUL VISIT OF COMMERCE UNDER SECY TABOR, DEPT STILL WITHHOLDING ACTION. ROK EMBASSY WOULD BE MAKING FURTHER DIRECT APPROACH TO  
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DEPT APRIL 4.

3. IN MAKING APPROACH, KIM DID NOT ALLUDE TO CURRENT STUDENT DISORDERS; SAID REQUEST BASED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROJECT.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE SHOULD PERHAPS BE IN NO HURRY TO CLEAR THIS ORDER, INCREASING FREQUENCY OF APPROACHES ON THIS SUBJECT CLEARLY INDICATES ROKG INTENTION TO PURSUE MATTER, IF NECESSARY TO HIGHER LEVELS, IN ORDER TO FORCE DECISION.  
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